

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611*



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2008

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*President Terrence J. O'Brien
Vice-President Kathleen Therese Meany
Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski
Commissioner Frank Avila
Commissioner Patricia Horton
Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan
Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos
Commissioner Debra Shore
Commissioner Patricia Young*

Call to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien; Kathleen Therese Meany; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Frank Avila; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; and Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton; and Barbara J. McGowan

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:20 President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

- 1 [08-1382](#) The Committee on Finance reports on the Investments Purchased during March 2008.
Published and Filed
- 2 [08-1383](#) The Committee on Finance reports on the Investment Interest Income during March 2008.
Published and Filed
- 3 [08-1384](#) Report to Board of Commissioners on The Boeing Company's Request for Reimbursement in the Amount of \$86,645.09 Pursuant to the Terms of a Tax Reimbursement Agreement Approved by the Board on September 6, 2001
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 4 [08-1385](#) Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$675,000.00 in the Corporate Fund
Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Patricia Young, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 3 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos

Purchasing Committee**Report**

5 [08-1386](#) Report of Bid Opening for Tuesday April 1, 2008

Published and Filed

6 [08-1387](#) Report of Bid Opening for Tuesday April 8, 2008

Published and Filed

Authorization

7 [08-1414](#) Authorization for a time extension to Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc. (CTE) for professional environmental engineering services including phase I environmental site assessments and phase II environmental site investigations, from March 31, 2008 to June 30, 2008. Account 101-15000-601170, Purchase Order 3027686

Approved

8 [08-1415](#) Authorization for a time extension to RMT, Inc., for professional environmental engineering services from March 31, 2008 to June 30, 2008, Account 101-15000-601170, Purchase Order 8003160

Approved

9 [08-1416](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of March 20, 2008, award of Contract 08-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and the Calumet Service Area, under Option C, Group A, revised Account 101-66000-612520 (Req. 1226810)

Approved

10 [08-1417](#) Authorization for forfeiture of Contract 07-653-12, Sewer Cleaning at Various Locations, Contractor: Municipal Sewer Services, LLC

Approved

11 [08-1418](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of August 9, 2007, to issue a purchase order and enter into agreement with Cityfront Center East Maintenance Association, for providing maintenance and security services and general liability insurance coverage for the Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain and Park, from \$248,500.00 to \$60,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, (Req. 1208103)

Deleted by the General Superintendent

12 [08-1419](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 07-426-12, Painting and Carpet Replacement at the McMillan Pavilion, 4th Floor, in an amount of \$66,000.00, from \$75,500.00 to \$141,500.00, Account 101-15000-612680 (Req. 1221932)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

13 [08-1388](#) Authority to advertise Contract 01-103-2S, 39th Street Conduit Rehabilitation Phase I Bypass Tunnel, Stickney Service Area, in Chicago, IL, estimated cost is \$93,200,000.00, Account 401-50000-645600 (Req. 1240087)

Approved

14 [08-1389](#) Authority to advertise Contract 07-167-5F, Permeable Pavement Installation, SWRP, estimated cost is \$900,000.00, Account 501-50000-645780 (Req. 1241129)

Approved

15 [08-1390](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-026-11 to furnish and deliver PVC Pipe, Fittings and Valves to various locations for a one (1) year period, estimated cost is \$40,000.00. Account 101-20000-623090

Approved

16 [08-1391](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-418-11, furnish and deliver fifty-two (52) multi-functional photocopier devices and a five-year service, supplies and maintenance agreement at various locations, estimated cost is \$592,000.00, Accounts 101-15000-612800, 623810 and 634800 (Requisition 1239553)

Approved

17 [08-1392](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-650-11, Repairs to Sewer Structures in the North Service Area, estimated cost is \$260,000.00, Account 101 67000-612600 (Req. 1236624)

Approved

18 [08-1393](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-717-11, Furnish, Deliver and Install an Emergency Generator System at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost is \$300,000.00, Account 101-67000-612650 (Req. 1237971)

Approved

19 [08-1394](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-831-11, Services to Upgrade and Maintain the Elevator at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant Pump and Blower Building, estimated cost is \$465,000.00, Account 101-68000-612680 (Req. 1240075)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

20 [08-1395](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 08-904-11, Technical Development Corporation of Asia, to furnish and deliver steam coils to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$33,500.00, Account 101-69000-623090 Requisition 1232336

Approved

21 [08-1396](#) Issue a purchase order to Alfa-Laval, Inc., to furnish and deliver four Alfa-Laval Model XM-905 centrifuge rotating assemblies and accessories to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$4,021.860.00. Account 401-50000-645650. Requisition 1240533

Approved

22 [08-1397](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Life Insurance Company of North America, a subsidiary of CIGNA (CIGNA), to Provide Group Term Life Insurance for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Employees for a Three-Year Period, in an amount not to exceed \$291,888.00 Requisition 1241089. Accounts: 101-25000-601250, 201-25000-601250, 401-25000-601250, 501-25000-601250

Approved

23 [08-1398](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Looram & Associates, for Management Development Training Program Services, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000.00 (07-RFP-39) Requisition 1241088. Account 101-25000-601170

Approved

Award Contract

24 [08-1399](#) Authority to award Contract 08-646-11, Group B, to Thornton Equipment Services, Inc., for Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, Account 101-50000-612620 Requisition 1231301

Approved

25 [08-1400](#) Authority to award Contract 08-691-11, Group A, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., for services of Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from the Stickney and Calumet Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$9,600,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520. Requisition 1226806

Approved

26 [08-1401](#) Authority to award Contract 08-711-11, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., for Services to Repair HVAC Equipment and Appurtenances at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant and Laboratory, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Account 101-67000-612680. Requisition 123428

Approved

27 [08-1402](#) Authority to award Contract 08-812-11, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., for services to maintain and repair absorption chillers at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$226,722.00. Account 101-68000-612680. Requisition 1225589

Approved

28 [08-1403](#) Authority to award Contract 08-845-12, Group B, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., for furnishing a Slackline Cableway/Clamshell System and Dredge Loading System with Crews in the Calumet Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520 Requisition 1222735

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

29 [08-1404](#) Authority to increase Agreement to Conservation Design Forum for 04-RFP-07, Native Landscape Conversion at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$41,920.00, from an amount not to exceed \$78,260.00 to an amount not to exceed \$120,180.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-601170 (P.O. 3030408) (*Deferred at the March 20, 2008 and April 3, 2008 Board Meeting*) (*As Revised*)

Approved

30 [08-1405](#) Authority to increase Purchase Order 3037852 to Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger, Krauss, Chartered, Attorneys at Law, to represent the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in a lawsuit and negotiations involving the District's interest in the alley adjacent to 100 East Erie Street in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170

Approved

31 [08-1406](#) Authority to increase sole source Purchase Order 3044147, for Computer Maintenance and Recover-All Services for the District's VAX, HP Servers, and HP SAN-TS to Hewlett-Packard Company in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$725,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, Accounts 101-27000-612810,612820
Approved

32 [08-1407](#) Authority to increase purchase order 3045625, to Sydney and George Kontogiannis, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00, from an amount not to exceed \$12,600.00 to an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00. Account 101-15000-612490
Approved

33 [08-1408](#) Authority to decrease Contract 07-677-11, Overhead and Exterior Door Maintenance Services at Various Locations, Builders Chicago Corporation, in the amount of \$18,060.12, from an amount of \$210,100.00 to an amount of \$192,039.88, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612680 (P.O.s 5000713, 5000714 and 5000715)
Approved

34 [08-1409](#) Authority to decrease Purchase Order 3041613 to JN Engineering Co., a Division of JN Construction & Engineering Co., Inc. for Contract 06-840-2P, Furnish and Deliver Temporary Technical Engineering Personnel Services to the Engineering Department at the Annex Office Building Complex Location, in the amount of \$259.20 from an amount not to exceed \$192,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$191,740.80
Approved

35 [08-1410](#) Authority to decrease the professional engineering services agreement for the construction phase of Contract 75-213-2H, Calumet Tunnel System, Little Calumet Leg, Tunnels, Shafts and Connecting Structures, to Parsons Transportation Group, in an amount not to exceed \$2,359,808.11, from an amount not to exceed \$6,350,624.00 to an amount not to exceed \$3,990,815.89, Account 401-50000-601440, Purchase Order 3012860
Approved

36 [08-1411](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 05-831-1D, Permanent Abandonment of Pump Stations 13A & 18E and Demolition of Various Buildings along the Sanitary and Ship Canal, Stickney Service Area & Calumet Service Area, with National Wrecking Company, for an extra in an amount of \$46,900.00, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$485,994.09 to \$532,894.09, Account 101-50000-656010, Purchase Order 5000668
Approved

37 [08-1412](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 73-161-FH, Vulcan Conveyance System and Maintenance Facilities, McCook CUP Reservoir, with Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc. for an extra in the amount of \$139,570.64, and a credit in the amount of \$64,538.73, for a net extra in the amount of \$75,031.91, resulting in an increase to the contract value from \$30,166,404.67 to \$30,241,436.58, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5000562

Approved

38 [08-1413](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 91-177-AE, Computer and Instrumentation Control Room at Stickney WRP, with Divane Brothers Electric Co., for an extra in the amount of \$190,041.00 and a credit in the amount of \$64,701.00 for a net extra of \$125,340.00, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$40,629,070.42 to \$40,754,410.42, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000594

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section with the exception of Item: 11

A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 3 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos

Engineering Committee

Report

39 [08-1420](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on the qualifications-based process for the selection of Consulting Engineering and Architectural Firms

Deferred by Patricia Young

40 [08-1421](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on Calumet Treatment Wetlands Concept Development

Deferred by Gloria Alitto Majewski

Authorization

41 [08-1422](#) Recommendation to grant a variance with respect to stormwater detention requirements for a redevelopment project; St. Michael Parish, Orland Park, MWRD Sewerage System Permit Application 08 002

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section with the exception of Items: 39 and 40

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 3 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

42 [08-1423](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Chief of Maintenance and Operations during the month of March 2008.

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

43 [08-1424](#) Authorize the issuance of a six-month permit to BP to conduct supplemental soil borings and install temporary monitoring wells on District Property located at 3266 West Devon Avenue in Lincolnwood, Illinois, also known as North Shore Channel Atlas Parcel 7.03. Consideration shall be \$10.00

Approved

44 [08-1425](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance RO6-001 establishing and authorizing the acquisition of right-of-way for the construction, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the 39th Street Conduit Rehabilitation Phase I Bypass Tunnel, Contract No. 01-103-2S in parts of Sections 32, 33, and 34, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian and also Sections 3, 4, and 5, Township 38 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

Approved

45 [08-1426](#) Issue orders authorizing a 2½-month permit extension to Walsh Construction to enter and restore three acres on Main Channel Atlas Parcel 21.01 located north of the Main Channel in unincorporated Will County, Illinois, used to operate a construction staging area in connection with work on the I-355 overpass and an access easement through Parcels 21.03 21.04, and along Des Plaines River Road from Lemont Road westerly to Parcel 21.04. Consideration shall be a fee of \$7,652.00

Approved

46 [08-1427](#) Authorize and Approve Issuance of a One-Year Extension of a Permit for Occupancy of Residential and Related Buildings Located on Approximately 1.3 Acres of District Land Formerly Known as the Lowell Wier Farm in Fulton County, Illinois. Consideration shall be a Monthly Permit Fee of \$175.00

Approved

47 [08-1428](#) Authority to settle environmental cost recovery claim against Sweeney Oil Company on District property at 5200 West 41st Street in Cicero, Illinois. Main Channel Atlas Parcel Number 39.06 subject to terms and conditions stated herein

Approved

48 [08-1429](#) Authorize and approve an extension of a permit for Ozinga Bros. Inc. to continue until April 30, 2009, to occupy approximately 5.4 acres of District land located along the north bank of the Main Channel and west of Stephens Street in Lemont, Illinois, c/k/a Main Channel Atlas Parcel Number 23.02. Consideration shall be a permit fee of \$34,650.00

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

Research & Development Committee

Authorization

49 [08-1430](#) Authorization to amend the Master Research Agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Campus to add the University of Illinois at Chicago Campus

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Authorization

50 [08-1431](#) Adoption of Amendments to the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Deferred by Debra Shore

Miscellaneous and New Business**Motion**

51 [08-1436](#) MOTION to consider Board of Commissioners procedural change to vote on District agenda items by way of a consent agenda
Deferred by Patricia Young

Memorial Resolution

52 [08-1432](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Doris Kline Henderson
A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

53 [08-1433](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Fred F. Herzog
A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Patricia Young, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

54 [08-1434](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of the Honorable R. Eugene Pincham
A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

55 [08-1435](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Marie Thelma (Nee: Krempp) Nelson Moore
A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Patricia Young, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Meeting Summary

Speakers

David Herzog, son of Dean Fred F. Herzog, accepted the memorial resolution on behalf of his family (Re: Miscellaneous & New Business Item 1b)

Charles A. Weir, Qualifications Based Selection Facilitator for the American Council of Engineering Companies, reported to the Board on the review of the District's process for the selection of Engineering Consultants and suggested the District continue with the procedures currently in place (Re: Engineering Item 1a)

George Blakemore, a private citizen, addressed the Board regarding the District's selection process used to hire summer workers

Summary of Requests

Debra Shore asked whether the material used for the permeable pavement test plots is the same material that was used for the U.S. Cellular Field parking lot and also asked for the size of the test plots (Re: Purchasing Item 14)

Patricia Young requested the District verify that Sydney and George Kontogiannis are currently the same vendors that are providing cafeteria services to the Main Office Building a/k/a Chatterbox Cafe (Re: Purchasing Item 32)

Patricia Young asked that the Board be provided a list of the Phase I and Phase II Environmental sites (Re: Purchasing Item 8)

Frank Avila requested a study session to discuss the Calumet Treatment Wetlands Concept Development (Re: Engineering Item 40)

Terrence J. O'Brien asked for confirmation that the five underground storage tanks placed by BP are empty (Re: Real Estate Item 43)

Debra Shore requested a study session to discuss the amendments to the Rules of the Board of Commissioners on the MWRDGC (Re: State Legislation & Rules Item 50)

Patricia Young requested a study session on the procedural change to vote on District agenda items by way of a consent agenda (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item 51)

Frank Avila requested a report on how the District is responding to the news media regarding the drinking water quality

Gloria Alitto Majewski asked that a copy of the article be distributed to the Board

Study Session

A Study Session has been scheduled for May 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the amendments to the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the MWRDGC and the procedural change to vote on District agenda items by way of a consent agenda (Re: State Legislation and Rules Item 1a and Miscellaneous and New Business Item 1e)

Mr. Dencek will canvass Board members for the purpose of scheduling a Study Session to discuss the Calumet Treatment Wetlands Concept Development (Re: Engineering Item 1b)

Announcements

The General Superintendent announce that a notice will be sent to the Board regarding the Public Meeting that will be held on May 14, 2008 at the Hedgewich Library (Re: Engineering Item 1b) This Meeting has been cancelled.

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2008, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Purchasing Agent for signature and preparation: April 28, 2008

Date Board letters are due to the General Superintendent: 1:00 p.m., April 24, 2008

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

**/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk**

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this April 17, 2008], are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

**/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

April 17, 2008